

# Coastlines

2017/12



*'Neither snow, nor sleet, nor rain'... applies to our line crews as well. Winter has clearly begun with hail, wind, and torrential rains.*

## 'Tis the Season to Be \$aving

Winter's cold can mean more electricity use, and as a result, higher bills. We have programs to help you save kWh and money. Please check our website at [clpod.org/rebate-information](http://clpod.org/rebate-information) for details before buying these items or starting a project.

**Some of our energy-efficiency programs are changing or ending.** Here's the info:

### **CREDIT FOR CLUNKERS Rebate**

*Program Ends March 30*

If you'd like to get rid of an old but still working refrigerator or freezer made before 1993 (these clunkers can use a LOT of electricity), call 866-265-7231. If it qualifies, we'll pay to have it hauled away, and the parts will be recycled. After several years and more than 4,500 clunkers recycled here on the Central Coast, this program will end March 30.

**Rebate: \$25 off your bill**—and we pay to have the clunker hauled away.

### **CLOTHES WASHER Rebate**

Rebate on purchase of an Energy Star® Clothes Washer. To qualify for this rebate, your water heater must be electric.

**Rebate: \$50**

### **HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER Rebate**

*Rebates Reduced March 30*

Water heating often accounts for 15-20% of electric energy use in homes. Some new electric heat pump water heaters have shown savings of up to 50% or more of a home's energy use for water heating.

**Rebates: Tier 1 \$500, Tier 2-3 \$1,000**

**Reduced Rebate: Tier 1 \$300, Tier 2-3 \$500** after March 30

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**Many of our programs require pre-approval in order for a project to qualify for rebates, and some restrictions apply. Please call our energy experts at 888-883-9879 to discuss your project, get it pre-approved, or to see if an appliance such as a heat pump water heater will work for your home.**

If you heat your home with electricity, you may be eligible for one of our energy-saving heat pump programs:

### **HIGH-EFFICIENCY HEAT PUMP Rebate**

Heat pumps can reduce the amount of energy required to heat a home by up to 40 percent. (An added bonus is heat pumps also cool homes on hot summer days.)

**Rebate: Up to \$1,400** For qualifying heat pump conversion from an existing forced-air electric furnace to a new heat pump.

**Rebate: Up to \$500** For approved heat pump upgrades from an existing heat pump or for adding a heat pump to a system with gas back-up, without duct sealing.

**Rebate: Up to \$300** For heat pump commissioning and controls.

### **DUCTLESS HEAT PUMP Rebate**

*Rebate Reduced March 30*

Ductless systems are highly-efficient and easily installed with ultra-quiet fans that circulate air evenly, eliminating hot and cold spots in homes.

**Rebate: Up to \$1,000**

**Reduced Rebate: Up to \$750** after March 30

### **MULTI-HEAD DUCTLESS HEAT PUMP Rebate**

**New rebate!** To qualify for this rebate, your home must have electric heat, and the ductless heat pump must be installed by an authorized ductless heat pump dealer.

**Rebate: Up to \$1,000**

# Winter is Here: What to Do During and After a Power Outage

Last month we offered tips for preparing for an outage. Here's tips for during and after.

## During an Outage

- Only use flashlights for emergency lighting— candles that have to be lit with matches or lighters can cause fires.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Most food requiring refrigeration can be kept safely in a closed refrigerator for several hours. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. An unopened and full freezer will stay properly cold for about 48 hours
- On warm days, if you're at home, move to the lowest level of your home, since cool air falls.
- If it's cold outside, put on layers of warm clothing. NEVER burn charcoal for heating or cooking indoors—too dangerous. If power may be out for a prolonged period, consider going

to another location (the home of a relative or friend, or a public facility) that has heat to keep warm.

- Turn off or disconnect appliances with sophisticated electronic systems in case of a momentary power "surge" that can damage computers and other electronics. Consider adding surge protectors. Electronic systems in kitchen appliances, such as a range or refrigerator can be damaged by power surges. If power is out, switch your master breaker off to protect your appliances, and only switch it back on when power is restored.
- If you are considering purchasing a generator for your home, consult an electrician or engineer before purchasing and installing. If generators are not properly installed, when power is restored, power from a generator could "backfeed" and severely injure linemen working to get power back on. And NEVER run a generator inside a home or closed garage.

## After a Power Outage

- Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40° F or higher for two hours or more, especially those that have an unusual odor, color or texture. When in doubt, throw it out!
- If food in the freezer is colder than 40° F and has ice crystals on it, it can be refrozen.
- Restock your emergency kit with fresh batteries, canned foods and other supplies

—From ready.gov



## Electric Car Charging Station Tax Credit Sunsets December 31

Oregon tax credits for installing a Level 2 station at home end Dec. 31: \$750 or 50% of the cost of the device, materials, and installation (whichever is less). Cost is usually \$700-\$1800. Buy device by 12/31, install by 4/1 qualifies. Details: <https://tinyurl.com/evstation> Q's? info@clpud.org

**Pay By Phone:** 1-844-239-0076  
**Outage Line:** 1-866-484-3783  
Energy Efficiency Programs: 1-888-883-9879  
Credit for Clunkers (fridges and freezers): 1-866-265-7231

**Call us at:** 541-265-3211 or toll free at 1-877-265-3211  
*Your call will be answered by the first customer service representative available in Florence, Newport or Reedsport.*

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